

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
Higgins Mill				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Higgins Millpond Road, .5 mile north of Rt. 397				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Cambridge				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Dorchester		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Higgins Mill Pond Inc.				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
c/o Barbara Windsor, RFD 2				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Cambridge		Maryland		21613
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		
Cambridge		Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 176/251				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Higgins Mill is a two bay long and two bay wide brick structure painted white. Both gables have two windows on each story, there being an entrance on the northeast and a basement on the southwest. The other fenestration was altered when the building was converted into a lodge. On the southeast side of the building is an enclosed leanto porch and on both slopes of the wick 'A' roof are two dormers. three chimneys rise from the building and they too are a product of the 1930's.

The entrance door is a double batten Dutch door with both leaves hung on strap hinges. There is a vestibule across the front door. Inside, the building is divided into two sections, the living area and the kitchen, stair and dining area. Original chamfered girders and beaded joists remain of the original structure. Most of the rest dates from its remodeling.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☒ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering         | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science              | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape           | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture        | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature          | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military            |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music               |   |  |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Higgins Mill is the only brick grist mill remaining in Dorchester County, although it has not been used as such since 1928 when the dam was washed out.

Not only is the building of interest because of its commercial/industrial history, but it also has been used as a hunting and fishing lodge since 1930, at which such distinguished visitors as Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, and Johnson were entertained.

"The Thomas Higgins and son gristmill on the Transquaking River advertised in the atlas: meal, flour, lumber, flooring, peach and grape boxes. The Higgins Millpond survives on survey maps on Middletown Branch north of Md. 397, east of Cambridge, west of Salem. Also listed in 1887 state directory. The mill had been converted to a lodge on the farm of J. E. Barnes of Washington, D.C., Maryland Conservationist, spring 1934, p. 7." (McGrain, J., Molinography of Dorchester County)

Nov. 7, 1801 - sold to John Maquire by Joseph Muse

Mar. 6, 1826 - sold to William Craft by trustee of Maquire estate

Jan. 27, 1846 - sold to James A. Higgins by heirs of William Craft

1928 - sold to James E. Barnes by heirs of Higgins

1950 - sold to Mathison Chemical Co. by Mrs. James E. Barnes

- given to Johns Hopkins University by Mathison

- sold to Maryland Drydock Inc. by Johns Hopkins

1972 - sold to Barbara Windsor by Maryland Drydock (Mrs. Windsor is neice of Mr. Barnes)

known as Higgins Mill Pond since 1846

(Barbara Windsor, Jan., 1976)

SEE VERTICAL FILE FOR HISTORY OF HIGGINS MILLPOND DAM

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

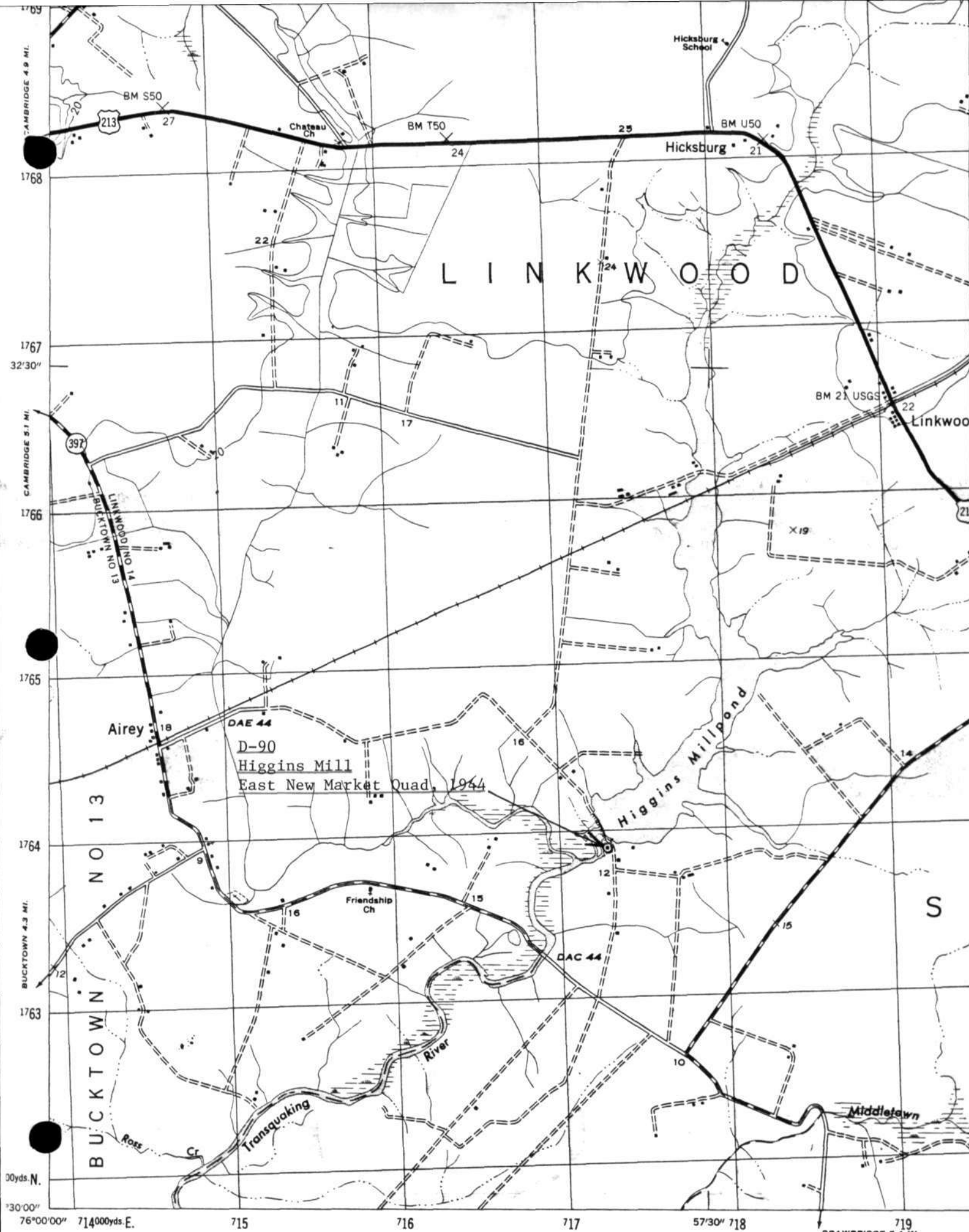
NAME AND TITLE: <b>Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant</b>		DATE <b>Nov, 1975</b>
ORGANIZATION <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Shaw House, 21 State Circle</b>		
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Annapolis</b>	STATE <b>Maryland</b>	<b>21401</b>

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_









.13 x 1.60

75%

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M. Bourne Nov 1975